

Serial No. 09/866,088

REMARKS

The Examiner has required restriction under 35 U.S.C. §121 among Invention I, claims 1-10 (drawn to a meat tray); Invention II, claim 11 (drawn to a method of making a meat tray); or Invention III, claims 12-16 (drawn to an apparatus for making a meat tray by severing). Applicant hereby elects Invention I, claims 1-10, for prosecution on the merits. Accordingly, claims 11-16 have been canceled without prejudice.

Applicant reserves the right to file one or more divisional, continuation, and/or continuation-in-part applications covering the non-elected claims 11-16.

CONCLUSION

For all the reasons advanced above, Applicant respectfully submits that the application is in condition for allowance, and action to that end is respectfully requested. If the Examiner's next anticipated action is to be anything other than a Notice of Allowance, the undersigned respectfully requests a telephone interview before issuance of any such subsequent action.

Respectfully submitted,

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Apparatus for Precisely Trimming the Meat Tray From an Expanded
Foam Web"

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In the Claims

Claims 11-16 have been cancelled.

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